

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE ENGROSSED NO. **SB186** - 2/28/97

Introduced by: Senator Thompson and Representative Lee

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain requirements and rule making authority
2 relating to implementation of a hunter safety course.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 41-7-1 be amended to read as follows:

5 41-7-1. Notwithstanding § 41-6-13, no hunting license may be issued to any person under
6 the age of sixteen years unless ~~he~~ the applicant presents to the person authorized to issue such
7 license a certificate of ~~competency~~ successful completion as provided in ~~this chapter~~ rules
8 promulgated by the Game, Fish and Parks Commission, pursuant to chapter 1-26, an appropriate
9 certificate of successful completion of a hunter safety or hunter education course from another
10 state or province of Canada, or a hunting license issued to ~~him~~ the applicant in the current or
11 previous year. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

12 Section 2. That § 41-7-2 be amended to read as follows:

13 41-7-2. The ~~Department of~~ Game, Fish and Parks Commission shall provide by rules
14 promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26 for a course of instruction and training in the safe handling
15 of firearms and ~~for that purpose shall cooperate with the public school system for such training~~
16 other hunting implements, provide for compensation to instructors, issuance of a certificate of

1 successful completion, and recognition of successful completion of a hunter safety or hunter
2 education course in other jurisdictions.

3 Section 3. That § 41-7-3 be repealed.

4 ~~—41-7-3. The Department of Game, Fish and Parks shall make arrangements with the local~~
5 ~~city superintendent of schools in the third class municipalities wherein courses in the safe~~
6 ~~handling of firearms are to be offered and the schools so selected shall make available their~~
7 ~~facilities for such instruction. The Department of Game, Fish and Parks shall train instructors to~~
8 ~~teach such classes and shall pay the instructors for their services. The amount expended for such~~
9 ~~instruction shall not exceed five thousand dollars during any fiscal year.~~

10 Section 4. That § 41-7-4 be repealed.

11 ~~—41-7-4. The Department of Game, Fish and Parks shall establish three application dates each~~
12 ~~year before which applicants must file an application to take the course in the safe handling of~~
13 ~~firearms. Application forms may be obtained from any superintendent of schools in the state, and~~
14 ~~the application shall be filed with the superintendent of the school district wherein such applicant~~
15 ~~attends school.~~

16 Section 5. That § 41-7-5 be repealed.

17 ~~—41-7-5. The Department of Game, Fish and Parks shall review the applications under~~
18 ~~§ 41-7-4 and determine the places where schools of instruction will be held and assign the~~
19 ~~applicant to the school where he is to attend.~~

20 Section 6. That § 41-7-6 be repealed.

21 ~~—41-7-6. No student taking the course in the safe handling of firearms shall be excused from~~
22 ~~school to participate in this course during regular school hours.~~

23 Section 7. That § 41-7-7 be repealed.

24 ~~—41-7-7. Certificates of competency signed by the instructor or by the superintendent of~~
25 ~~schools wherein the course was offered shall be issued to each person who successfully~~

- 1 ~~completes a course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms.~~
- 2 Section 8. The effective date of this Act is January 1, 1998.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

- 2 1/29/97 First read in Senate and referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources. S.J. 215
- 3 2/4/97 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.
- 4 2/6/97 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.
- 5 2/6/97 Agriculture & Natural Resources Do Pass, Passed, AYES 8, NAYS 0. S.J. 340
- 6 2/6/97 Agriculture & Natural Resources Place on Consent Calendar. S.J. 340
- 7 2/7/97 Senate Do Pass, Passed, AYES 34, NAYS 0. S.J. 356
- 8 2/10/97 First read in House and referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources. H.J. 398
- 9 2/20/97 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.
- 10 2/20/97 Agriculture & Natural Resources Do Pass, Passed, AYES 12, NAYS 0.
- 11 2/20/97 Agriculture & Natural Resources Place on Consent Calendar.
- 12 2/24/97 House of Representatives Deferred to another day. H.J. 672
- 13 2/25/97 House of Representatives Deferred to another day. H.J. 695
- 14 2/27/97 Motion to Amend, Passed. H.J. 753
- 15 2/27/97 House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 65, NAYS 2. H.J. 753